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TAGS: PFOR, XH, UR, GW

SUBJECT: RFE/RL - POSSIBLE QUERY ABOUT RADIOS IN BUNDESTAG  
QUESTION PERIOD

1. VON DUNGERN OF THE FONOFF TELLS US THAT SPD DEPUTY  
DR. SCHWEITZER HAS INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION  
WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED BY PARLIAMENTARY STATE SECRETARY  
MOERSCH ON MARCH 23:

BEGIN TEXT:

IS IT CORRECT THAT, AS REPORTED BY "WELT AM SONNTAG" ON  
4 FEBRUARY 1973, FOREIGN TOURISTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE CSSR, HAVE BEEN  
ASKED BY PUBLIC OPINION INSTITUTES ABOUT THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD  
THE REGIMES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES? IF SO, HAVE THESE INSTITUTES TO  
THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECEIVED FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FROM PUBLIC SOURCES FOR INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS KIND  
AND HOW DOES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT JUDGE ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE  
FRG? END TEXT

2. FYI. THE "WELT AM SONNTAG" ARTICLE, ENTITLED "IF THERE WERE  
FREE ELECTIONS", ASSERTED THAT QUESTIONS PUT TO TOURISTS,  
SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES, AND SCIENTISTS FROM THE THREE MENTIONED  
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EE COUNTRIES REVEALED STRONG SUPPORT ( BETWEEN 72 AND 79 PERCENT) FOR A FORM OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM OR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY ALONG WESTERN LINES AND VERY WEAK SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY AMONG WORKERS, FOR THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, " THE RESULTS OF THIS QUESTIONING" WERE EVALUATED BY A NUMBER OF " INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN SIX WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES" AND POINT TO " ASTONISHINGLY EVEN PATTERNS OF VOTER BEHAVIOR IN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE." END FYI

3. VON DUNGERN SAID THE QUESTION ABOUT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF SUCH POLLS WOULD BE ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE. THE FONOFF' S CONCERN WAS THAT SCHWEITZER, AND PERHAPS ONE OR MORE OF HIS COLLEAGUES, WOULD COME UP WITH SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ( WHOSE CONTENT IS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE) WHICH, INTER ALIA, MIGHT IMPLICATE RFE AND/ OR RL IN THE POLLING ACTIVITIES. MOERSCH IS BEING ADVISED, IF SUCH SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS ARE ASKED, TO SAY THAT THE FONOFF WILL INVESTIGATE AND THAT IT WILL PROVIDE A COMPLETE ANSWER TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, OF WHICH SCHWEITZER IS A MEMBER.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, VON DUNGERN WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING FOR THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE FONOFF AND FOR POSSIBLE EVENTUAL USE IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIR' S COMMITTEE, WHETHER THE RADIOS HAVE EVER POLLED EE VISITORS IN THIS SENSE AND, IF SO, WHEN. EMBOFF TOLD VON DUNGERN ON A PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE BELIEVED THE RADIOS HAD OCCASIONALLY POLLED VISITORS ON THEIR RADIO LISTENING HABITS AND INTERESTS, SO AS TO OBTAIN A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THEIR EE AUDIENCES WERE LIKE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN' S DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH RADIOS ON PRIORITY BASIS. VON DUNGERN WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO TALK TO US ABOUT IT AGAIN MORNING OF MARCH 21 ON BASIS OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MUNICH. HILLENBRAND

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